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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-4,8,9,11-13 and 16-18 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 5,6,7,10,14,15 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11-13, and 16-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by DiMarco, 6654253.

Regarding claims 1, 8, and 11-12, DiMarco discloses a first member defining a slot (60, threads in the hole 60 define a helical slot) and a second member (100) having a lip, i.e., the helical thread forms the lip, which is engageable with the helical slot. The lip is rotatable about an axis normal to the side, wherein the axis is substantially oriented along the linear direction of movement caused by the rotation of the lip. Both the first and the second members are mateable via electrical connectors on their back portions.

Regarding claim 2, DiMarco discloses a hole in the second member (100) that receives a fastener to attach the member to the sub-assembly (left or right hole in figure 3 or center hole in figure 3, which attaches 140 and 180 to the sub-assembly via the bracket 160).

Regarding claim 3, DiMarco discloses a hole (first interpretation of the hole as set forth above with respect to claim 2) that is operable, i.e., threaded, to receive a screw that attaches the second member to the sub-assembly.

Regarding claim 4, DiMarco discloses a hole (second interpretation of the hole as set forth above with respect to claim 2) that is operable to receive a fastener (200) and the second member (140) being operable to rotate about the fastener.

Regarding claims 9 and 13, DiMarco discloses a second member (100) disposed in a hole in the side of bracket 160, which is considered part of the sub-assembly, and a screw (200) that extends through the second hole in the second member, i.e., the hole that runs through 120 and 140, and into the first hole in the side of bracket 160 to rotatably attach the second member to the side.

Regarding claims 16-18, DiMarco discloses the method steps of

- inserting a sub-assembly having a first connector into a chassis having a second connector (figure 1),
- rotating a first latch member (100) disposed on the sub-assembly about an axis

- engaging a lip (threads) of the first latch member with a slot (groove between threads) of a second latch member disposed on the chassis

wherein engagement of the slot with the lip causes the second connector to move in a direction toward the first connector, the axis being substantially oriented along the direction.

Allowable Subject Matter

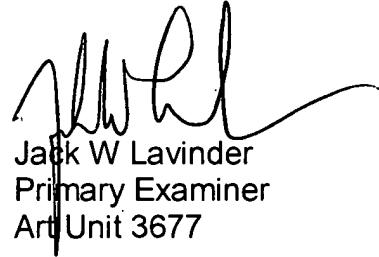
3. Claims 5-7, 10 and 14-15 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jack W. Lavinder whose telephone number is 571-272-7119. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Friday, 9-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Swann can be reached on 571-272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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